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POLICY ON BIO- FUEL
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government proposes to formulate its policy on green fuel (bio-fuel);

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the Visveswaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur has submitted its report for final approval from the Union Government on commercial viability in this regard;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (A. NARENDRA)

(a) & (b) The Union Government is actively pursuing the policy of promoting bio-fuel as a source of renewable energy. In this context, a number of R&D and demonstration projects on different aspects of bio-fuels have been taken up by the Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources (MNES). At the instance of PMO, MNES has also undertaken a policy analytical study on different aspects of bio-fuels with the objective of developing measures for accelerated use of bio- fuels as a substitute to petroleum based fuels and for reducing environmental pollution. More recently, the Planning Commission has brought out a Report on Development of Bio-Fuel and the Ministry of Rural Development has been identified as the nodal ministry to operationalize the recommendations of the Report.

(c) to (e) This Ministry has not received any report from the Visveswaraya National Institute of Technology, Nagpur on commercial viability of bio-fuels.